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SUBJ: LARGE-SCALE KILLING OF FLEEING CAMBODIANS REPORTED

1. AP, WHICH MAINTAINS A STRINGER IN ARANYAPRATHET ON THE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER, HEARD AND REPORTED FROM THERE JANUARY 26 THAT KC FORCES OPENED FIRE THAT MORNING ON ALMOST 300 CAMBODIANS FLEEING FROM BATTAMBANG PROVINCE WHO WERE ALMOST IN POSITION TO CROSS INTO THAILAND. CITIGN THAI BORDER OFFICIALS, AP SAID THAT ONLY TWELVE REFUGEES MANAGED TO ARRIVE IN ARANYAPRATHET AFTER A TEN-DAY WALK, ESTIMATING THAT THE KC KILLED "MORE THAN 200" IN THE GUNFIRE. THE SURVIVORS SAID THEY WOULD RATHER DIE THAN RETURN TO CAMBODIA, WHERE THEY "WERE USED LIKE ANIMALS WORKING IN THE FIELD."

2. AN OFFICIAL OF THE INTERNAL SECURITY OPERATIONS COMMAND HAS CONFIRMED THE ACCURACY OF THE STORY INDEPENDENTLY TO VOA.

3. CAMBODIANS INVOLVED IN RESISTANCE WHO ENTER PAILIN PROVINCE FROM TIME TO TIME TOLD EMBOFFS JAN 25 THAT KC TROOPS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCENTRATED CLOSE TO THE BORDER TO HALT SUCH FLIGHTS OF PEOPLE, WHEREAS THEY ARE SPREAD VERY THINLY ELSEWHERE.

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4. COMMENT. WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE INCIDENT
OCCURRED AS REPORTED, ALTHOUGH WE SUSPECT THAT THE
TWELVE REFUGEES WHO SUCCEEDED IN REACHING THAILAND WOULD NOT
HAVE A VERY CLEAR IDEA AS TO HOW MANY OF THEIR NUMBER WERE
ACTUALLY KILLED.
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